



October 12, 2012

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** on Expedited Data Waiver Request in WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 10, Steve Merriam from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC) and Matthew Tycksen and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted an ex parte meeting with the following individuals from the Wireline Competition Bureau: Amy Bender, Joe Cavender, Craig Stroup, James Eisner, John Emmett, Katie King, Suzanne Yelen, Rodger Woock, and Rebekah Goodheart.

This ex parte meeting consisted of a discussion of the September 25 expedited data waiver request related to regression input errors for ASTAC, seeking action by the FCC to direct USAC to revise the ASTAC QRA inputs for the period July 1 – December 31, 2012. We also discussed that the Arctic Slope service area for the Barrow exchange is 21.3 (twenty-one point three) square miles<sup>1</sup> of the total ASTAC area of 88,695 square miles.

We described our approach in calculating the revised road miles and road crossings and provided elaboration on the types of trails that traverse the fragile tundra in ASTAC territory. During this discussion, Mr. Stroup requested our thoughts on whether the findings relative to ASTAC would

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<sup>1</sup> State Data:

[http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CIS.cfm?Comm\\_Boro\\_Name=Barrow](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CIS.cfm?Comm_Boro_Name=Barrow)

"Barrow is located in the Barrow Recording District. The area encompasses 18.4 sq. miles of land and 2.9 sq. miles of water. "

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2000 US Census data:

<http://www.usbeacon.com/Alaska/Barrow.html>

states:

Land Area: 18.3970 square miles

Water Area: 2.9290 square miles

be applicable to similarly-situated companies. We have initiated research in this regard and will follow-up under a separate letter as this ex parte filing is due today.

We agreed to defer further discussion on the climate input variable and the Alaska specific regression factor variable until 2013.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 10/12/12

Jeffrey H. Smith  
Vice-President and Division Manager, Western Region  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Attachments

QRA Road Mile and Crossing Certification (astac Merriam signed cert 101012.pdf)

Copy to  
Amy Bender, FCC  
Craig Stroup, FCC  
Steve Merriam, Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative  
Matthew Tycksen, GVNW